



PATENT

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Applicant : Alfons Resing et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 3 February 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and the official translation is attached at the end of this paper.